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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 18144 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 03 NOV 77

QUOTE S E C R E T LONDON 18144

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E. O. 11652:XGDS-1
TAGS: UK ET SO KE MZ
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON OGADEN PEACE INITIATIVE

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 1829; B) LONDON 17536;
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1. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF, FCO DEPUTY HEAD OF EAST AFRICAN DEPARTMENT (ROSLING) SAID THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DOING A GOOD DEAL OF THINKING ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE HORN, AND WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH THE U.S. BEFORE THE FOUR-POWER MEETING ON NOVEMBER 10. EMBOFF WAS TOLD INFORMALLY THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSALS FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN THE OGADE

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BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED DRAFTS OF PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION. THEY WILL PRESENT US WITH A PAPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THROUGH BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON AS WELL AS THROUGH US.

2. EMBOFF WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN MOGADISCIO WAS CALLED IN BY PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE AND

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TOLD MUCH THE SAME AS THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR (REFTEL A)
WITH KENYA.
SIAD REPORTEDLY ESPECIALLY WANTED TO CONVINCE THE BRITISH THAT SOMALIA DOES NOT HAVE DESIGNS ON THE NORTHERN FRONTIER DISTRICT OF KENYA. TEXT OF FCO TELEGRAM FROM MOGADISCIO WILL BE GIVEN TO EMBASSY AND SENT SEPTEL.
3. EMBOFF ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF STATUS OF UK CONSULTATIONS ON OGADEN WHICH HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED WHEN LAST DISCUSSED.
MOZAMBIQUE: AFTER CONSIDERING MACHEL'S VIEWS (AS EXPRESSED IN HAVANA - REPORTED IN REFTEL B), FCO FEELS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PURPOSE IN MAKING A FORMAL APPROACH TO THE MOZAMBICANS, AND THAT LITTLE COULD BE GAINED FROM A FURTHER HEARING OF THEIR VIEWS.
SAUDI ARABIA: BRITISH CHARGE IN JIDDA HAS STILL

EXPRESSION OF VIEWS FROM SAUDIS AFTER RAISING OGADEN ISSUE WITH PRINCE NAYIF DURING THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT TO THE UK.

4. AS BRITISH WISH TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH US BEFORE NOVEMBER 10 MEETING, EMBASSY FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO SHARE WITH THE FCO CURRENT DEPARTMENT THINKING ON THE HORN, PARTICULARLY THOSE ASPECTS WHICH MAY REQUIRE FURTHER PREPARATION BEFORE THE QUADRI-
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PARTITE MEETING. DEPARTMENT THOUGHTS ON AGENDA FOR THE MEETING MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL.
5. SINCE BRITISH GAVE LUNCHEON DURING LAST MEETING ON OCTOBER 4, EMBASSY PLANS TO HOST LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 10. AS AMBASSADOR AND MINISTER BOTH HAVE PREVIOUS COMMIT-MENTS, POLITICAL COUNSELOR SULSER WILL HOST LUNCHEON.

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